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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 11339
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TAGS: PGOV, WB, UK, US, FR, UR
SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: DISPOSAL OF REMAINS

REF: A. USBER 1762; B. STATE 148902;
C. BONN 10474; D. USBER 1659;
E. 76 STA53 301274; F. 76 BONN 19026

1. UK REP TO BONN GROUP (HARPER) INFORMED US AT A
TRIPARTITE MEETING JULY 5 THAT LONDON HAS APPROVED
SCENARIO FOR UK AMBASSADOR WRIGHT TO APPROACH SOVIETS
(REF A) REGARDING DISPOSAL OF HESS' REMAINS AND HAS
ASKED US AND FRENCH CONCURRENCE. ACCORDING TO THE
PROPOSED SCENARIO, WRIGHT WOULD RAISE THE MATTER AT
LUNCHEON WITH ABRASIMOV JULY 19. HE WOULD SAY THAT
THE ALLIES REGRET THE SOVIETS' NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO THE
PROPOSAL TO TURN THE BODY OVER TO THE FAMILY BUT THAT,
WHILE RESERVING THE RIGHT TO RAISE AGAIN THE QUESTION
OF HESS' RELEASE, THE ALLIES BELIEVE PROVISION SHOULD
BE MADE FOR COMPLETING THE CONTINGENCY PLANNING
FOR HESS' DEATH. WRIGHT WOULD REITERATE THE ALLIED
ADHERENCE TO THE 1970 AGREEMENT AND HAND OVER ANNEX II
OF THE TRIPARTITELY AGREED CONTINGENCY PAPER (REF F).
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IN SUMMARY, THE PAPER PROVIDES THAT WHEN HESS DIES,
THE CHAIRMAN GOVERNOR WILL INFORM THE FAMILY AND
THEREAFTER ISSUE A PRESS COMMUNIQUE AND THE BRITISH
GOVERNOR WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURITY,
TRANSPORT OF THE BODY TO THE CREMATORIUM, ETC. AND
ANSWER FUTURE PRESS INQUIRIES. A BRIEF RELIGIOUS
CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AND THE BODY WILL THEN BE

CREMATED. QUADRIPARTITE REPRESENTATIVES AND FAMILY MAY ATTEND BOTH THE CEREMONY AND THE CREMATION. THE ASHES WILL THEN BE TURNED OVER TO THE FAMILY, EITHER AT A POINT OUTSIDE BERLIN OR IN BERLIN, FOR DISPOSITION OUTSIDE BERLIN.

2. HARPER SAID THAT THE BRITISH REQUEST US AND FRENCH VIEWS ON BOTH THE LEVEL AND THE TIMING OF THE APPROACH.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH PROPOSAL TO HAVE AMBASSADOR WRIGHT APPROACH ABRASIMOV ON JULY 19 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSED SCENARIO.
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